

REMARKS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough examination of the application. A certified translation of the priority document, Korea 1998-43305 is being filed concurrently with this paper. No new matter is believed to be added to the application by this Response.

Entry Of Response

Entry of this Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 is respectfully requested because it places the application into condition for allowance. Alternately, entry is requested because it places the application in better form for appeal.

Status Of The Claims

Claims 1, 6, 7, 9-11, 14, 15 and 18-24 are pending in the application. The Examiner has acknowledged the patentability of claims 18, 19, 21 and 22.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)/103(a) Over Totani

Claims 1, 6, 9, 10, 14, 15, 20 and 23-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Totani (U.S. Patent No. 6,217,793). Claims 7 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Totani. Applicant respectfully traverses.

Totani has a United States filing date of May 17, 1999. In contrast, the instant application claims priority of Korean 1998-43305 filed in Korea on October 16, 1998. As a result, filing of the certified copy of the English translation of

Korea 1998-43305 will remove Totani as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)/103(a).
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These rejections are overcome and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner acknowledges the allowability of claims 18, 19, 21 and 22.

Foreign Priority

The Examiner has acknowledged foreign priority in the Office Action mailed August 28, 2002.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner is thanked for considering the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 27, 2000 and for making the initialed PTO-1449 form of record in the application in the Office Action mailed August 28, 2002.

Prior Art

The prior art cited but not utilized by the Examiner demonstrates the status of the conventional art that the invention supercedes. Additional remarks are accordingly not necessary.

The Drawings

The Examiner has approved the proposed drawing amendments in the Office Action mailed February 10, 2003. Corrected formal drawings were most recently submitted on April 22, 2003. The Examiner is respectfully requested to indicate whether the drawing figures are acceptable in the next official action.

Conclusion

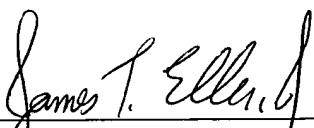
The Examiner's rejections have been overcome, obviated or rendered moot. No issues remain. The Examiner is accordingly respectfully requested to allow the application.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert E. Goozner, Ph.D. (Reg. No. 42,593) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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